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~~second identifying [number] numbers.--~~

REMARKS

Claims 3-6 remain in this application with claims 3, 5, and 6 having been amended hereby and claims 1 and 2 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the drawings.

Submitted herewith is a Letter With Proposed Drawing Changes in which Figs. 1 and 2 are to be designated with the legend "prior art".

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 6 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as not being based upon an enabling disclosure.

Although claim 1 has been canceled hereby, that claim has been inserted in claims 3 and 5. The examiner has noted that the functions of the first CPU and second CPU are not supported by the original disclosure.

That recitation of the first and second CPU has been amended hereby to track the specification in that the first CPU selectively provides compressing or expanding of audio signals as noted in the sentence commencing at line 8 of page 21 and that the second CPU provides processing for selectively compressing or expanding digital audio signal as recited in the sentence commencing at line 21 of page 21. It is respectfully noted that the recitation of the first and second CPU in the claims has been returned to the form in which it was originally set forth, as

amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed July 25, 1997 and which form was not objected to earlier.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 6 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

As noted hereinabove, the recitation of the functioning of the audio input/output means has been amended hereby to return it to the form in which it was set forth in the Preliminary Amendment filed July 25, 1997, that is, to eliminate the instance that it is the same data that it somehow being converted and expanded and the like. Of course, if this is a telephone then and the data being changed to a digital signal is the data from the microphone of the handset and the data being changed to the analog signal is the data being produced at the earphone of the handset.

By reason of the amendments to that specific recitation now included in claims 3 and 5, it is respectfully submitted that those claims are clear and definite in their recitation of the present invention.

In regard to claims 3 and 5, those claims have been amended to indicate that the addresses are assigned to the telephone sets and not to the CPU.

In regard to claim 6, the claim has been amended to indicate that, in fact, there are first and second identifying numbers used to in distributing the data packets to the appropriate CPU.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments made to the

claims hereby, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are clear and definite in their recitation of the present invention and meet all requirements of 35 USC 112.

The cancellation of claims 1 and 2 renders moot the rejection thereof.

In view of the fact that no prior art rejections were made against claims 3, 4, 5, and 6, claim 3, which depended from claim 2 has been amended to include all of the recitations previously set forth in claims 1 and 2, with those recitations being amended to overcome the rejections of 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs.

Similarly, claim 5 has been amended to include the recitation of claims 1 and 2 after having been amended to meet the objections under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs.

Claim 4 depends from independent claim 3 and claim 6 depends from now independent claim 5.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the system for connecting telephone sets to a computer network, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended claims, is neither shown nor suggested in the cited references and is clear and definite in its recitation of such a system and is based upon an enabling disclosure.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited and it is respectfully submitted that this amendment raises no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

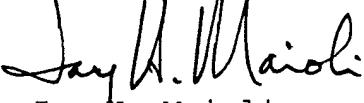
Claims 1 and 2 as amended in the Preliminary Amendment

filed July 25, 1997 have been inserted in claims 3 and 5 to place those claims in independent form. Accordingly, no new structure has been recited and no new issues have been created.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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